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TERROR IN THE ECHIDNA HOMELAND!

Sonic the Hedgehog is leading Tails and Amy around the world as Team Fighters – a strike team for justice! They've been tracking down Dr. Eggman and the Death Egg II to stop his evil ways and rescue one of their own: the roboticized and weaponized Princess Sally Acorn.

But Dr. Eggman will do anything to throw Team Fighters off the trail, including sending an invasion force to the echidna homeland. The echidnas have suffered through much as of late, leaving only a small population of survivors. It wouldn't take a lot to destroy their kind entirely, and when Team Fighters arrived on the scene, the outlook for the echidna race was NOT looking good. A fierce battle between the survivors, Team Fighters, and Eggman's forces ensued, and the tide of the skirmish took a turn for evil when Eggman's Metal Knuckles robot returned to knock Sonic the Hedgehog unconscious!

The battle seemed hopeless, but a distress call DID reach Angel Island and the attention of Knuckles the Echidna, revered guardian of the master emerald and protector of his people. With the rest of his team of Chaotix heroes occupied elsewhere, Knuckles has embarked on a rescue mission to his homeland, **completely unprepared for the level of devastation he must now witness...**

Who's Who

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SUPER SPEEDY HERO

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
THE LAST GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND

TAILS & AMY
SONIC'S TEAM FIGHTERS

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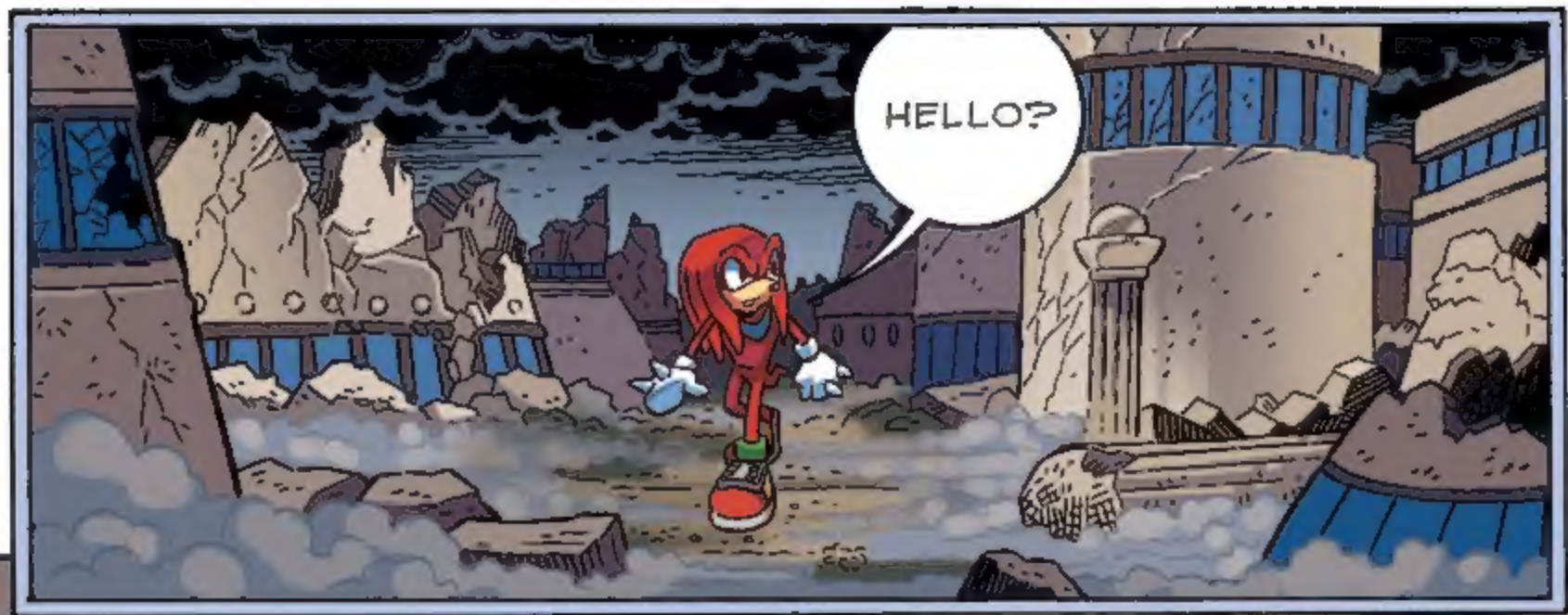

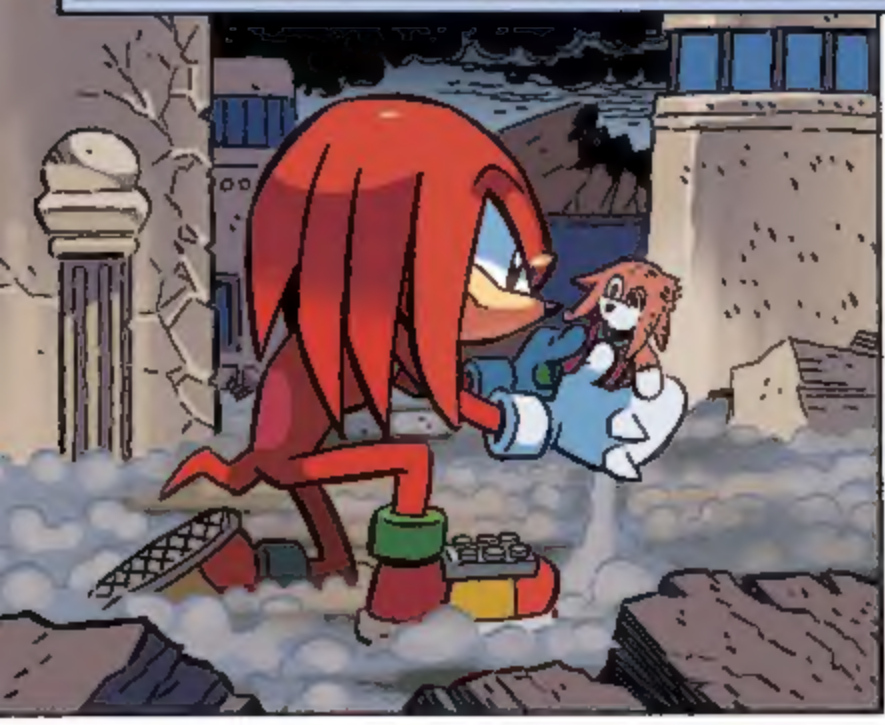

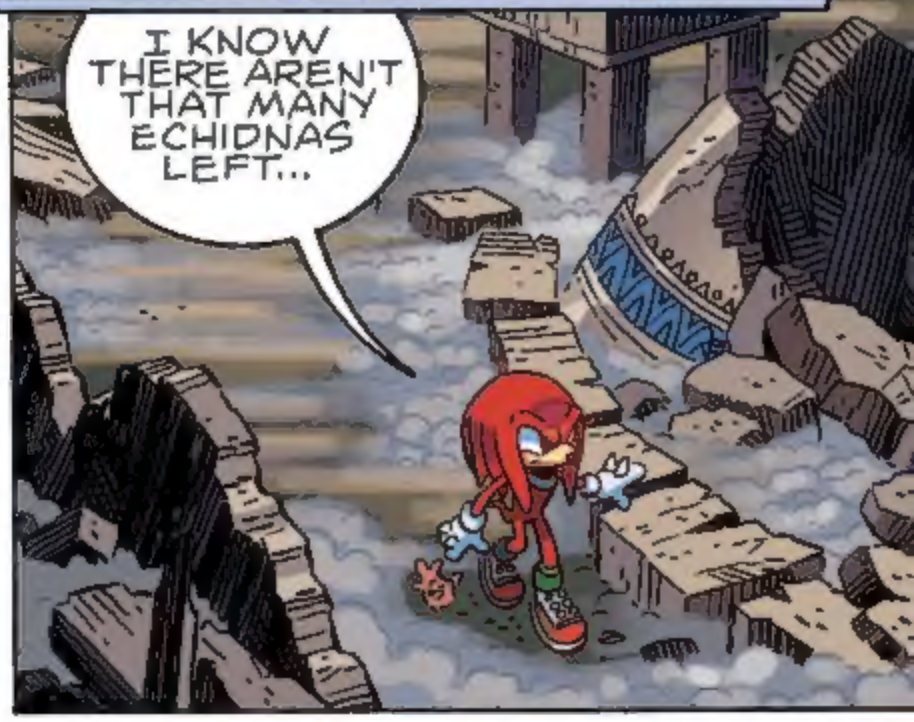

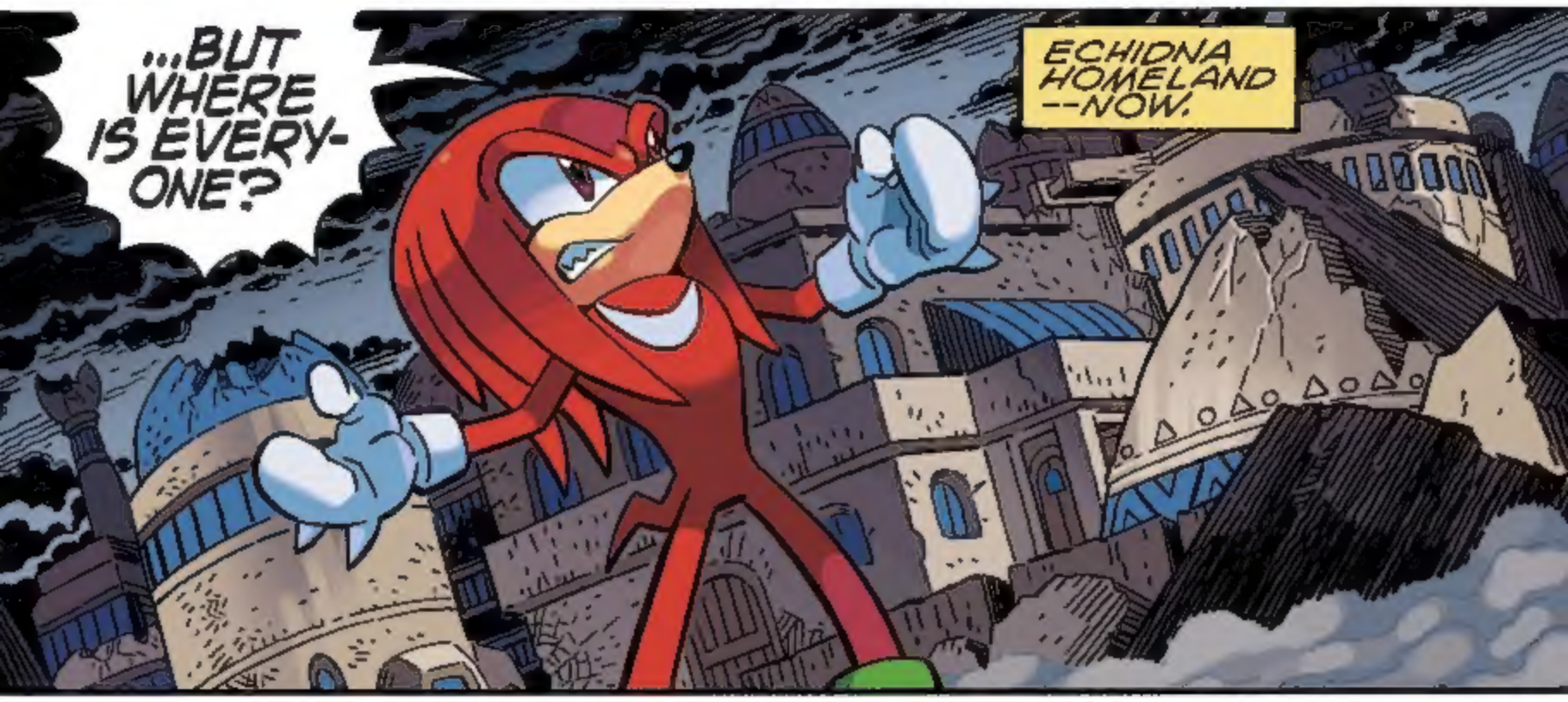

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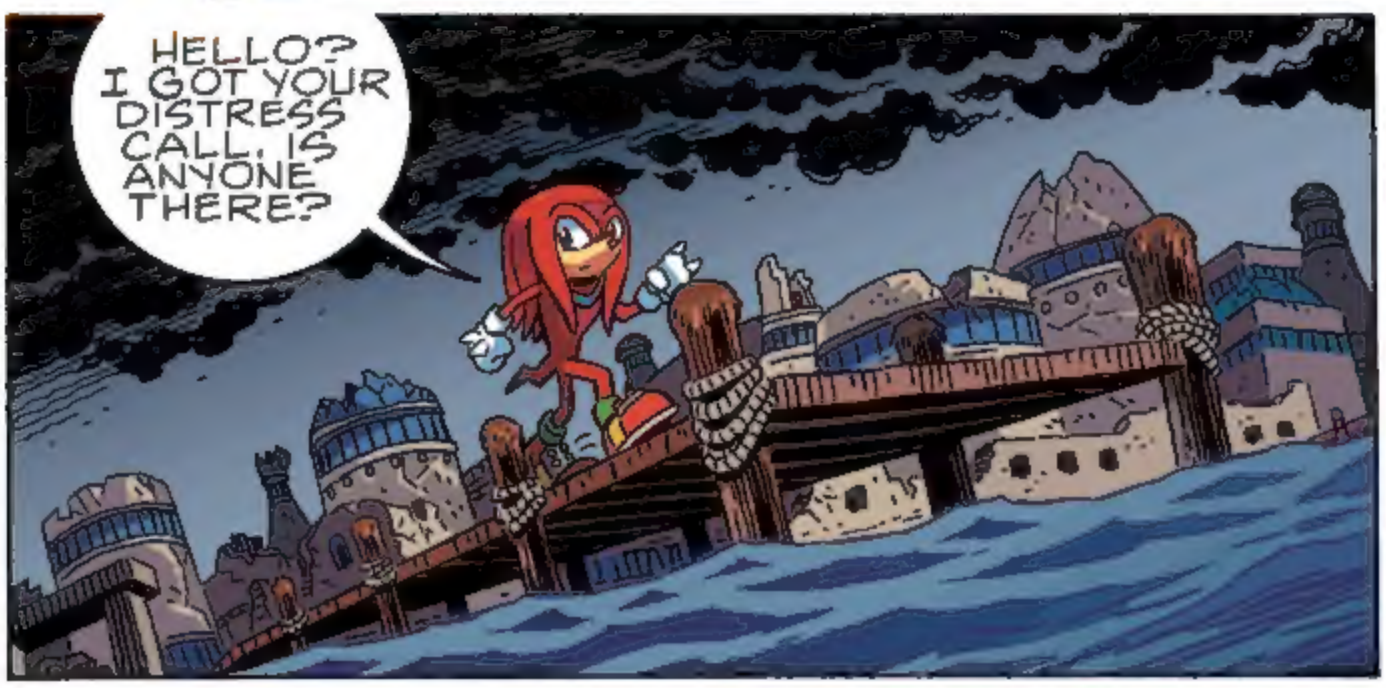
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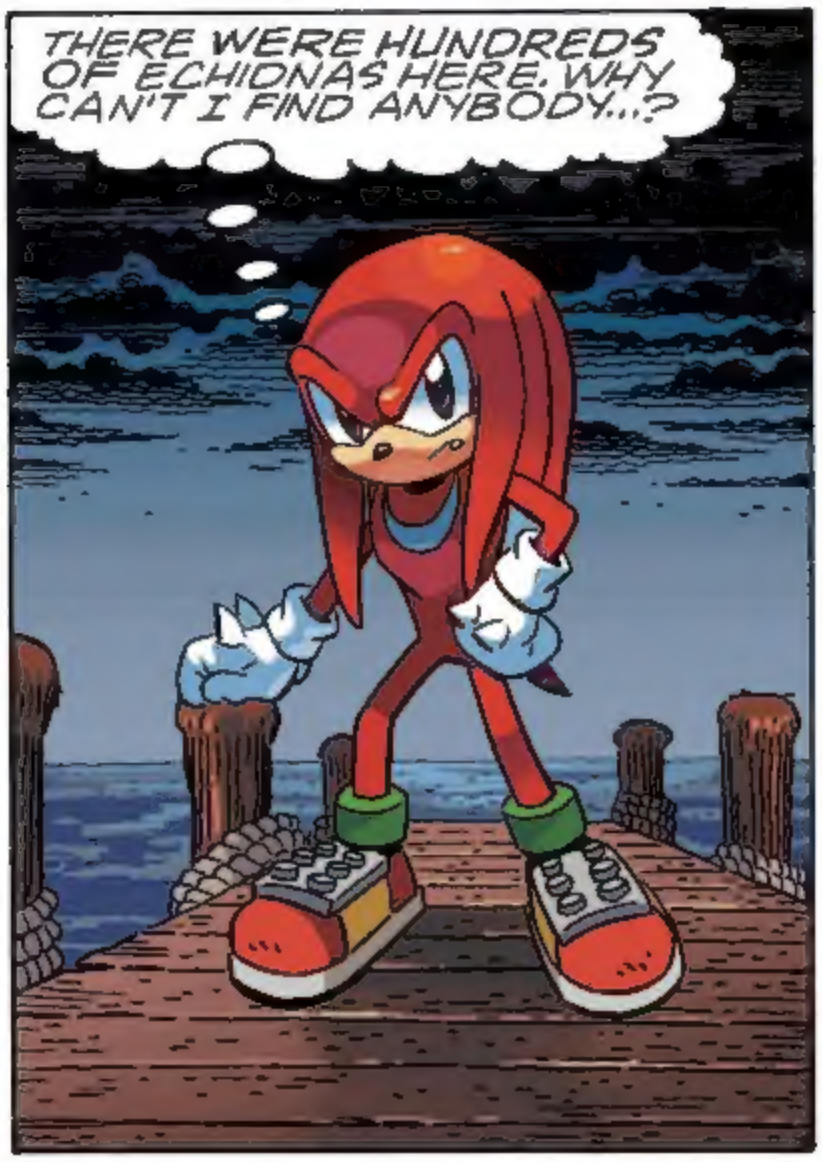

THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF ECHIDNAS HERE. WHY CAN'T I FIND ANYBODY...?

EARLIER...
THIS HERE'S A WARP RING. BOATS CAN BE SUNK, FOOT-PRINTS CAN BE TRACKED, BUT THIS IS UNTRACE-ABLE.
HOP ON THROUGH, AND YOU WON'T WORRY ABOUT NOTHIN' AGAIN.
PROMISE.

THERE IT IS AGAIN!
FWASH

FWASH!

WHAT IS THAT? IT SOUNDS LIKE...
FWASH

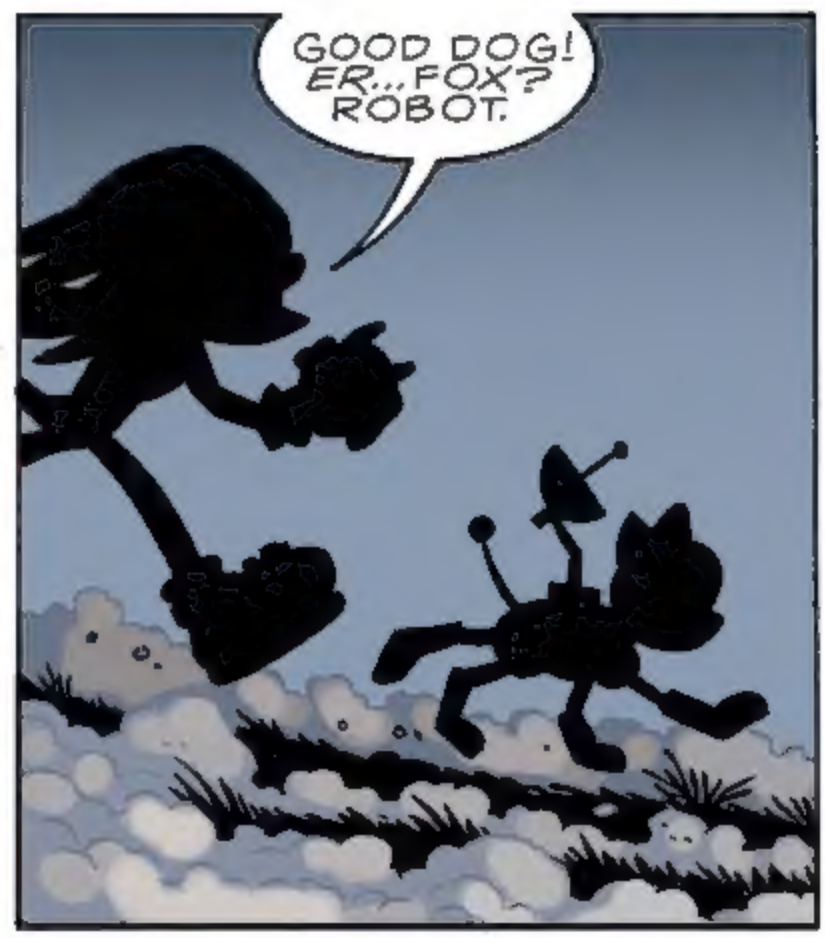
GRR! BARK! BARK!

GO ON, MUTT! BEAT IT!
-SNARL!-

THIS IS THE TORNADO ..SO WHAT ARE TEAM FIGHTERS DOING HERE?

HOURS AGO...
WE'RE SCOUTING OUT UP AHEAD AND MAY BE GONE FOR A WHILE. SEAL UP THE GASHES AND DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SYNTHESIZE SOME FUEL. I'LL WORRY ABOUT THE STABILIZER LATER. GOT ALL THAT?
YIP-YIP!

ARE YOU ONE OF TAILS'S MECHANICAL THINGS ?
YIP!
SHOULD'VE GUESSED BY THE COLOR SCHEME. I SUPPOSE I COULD USE SOME SUPPORT ...UH... CAN YOU HELP ME FIND THE OTHERS?
YIP-YIP!


GOOD DOG! ER... FOX? ROBOT.

URGH!

YIP! BARK!

BARK! BARK!

I SEE THEM!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU GUYS?
LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS FIGHTING METAL KNUCKLES...
METAL KNUCKLES ...?

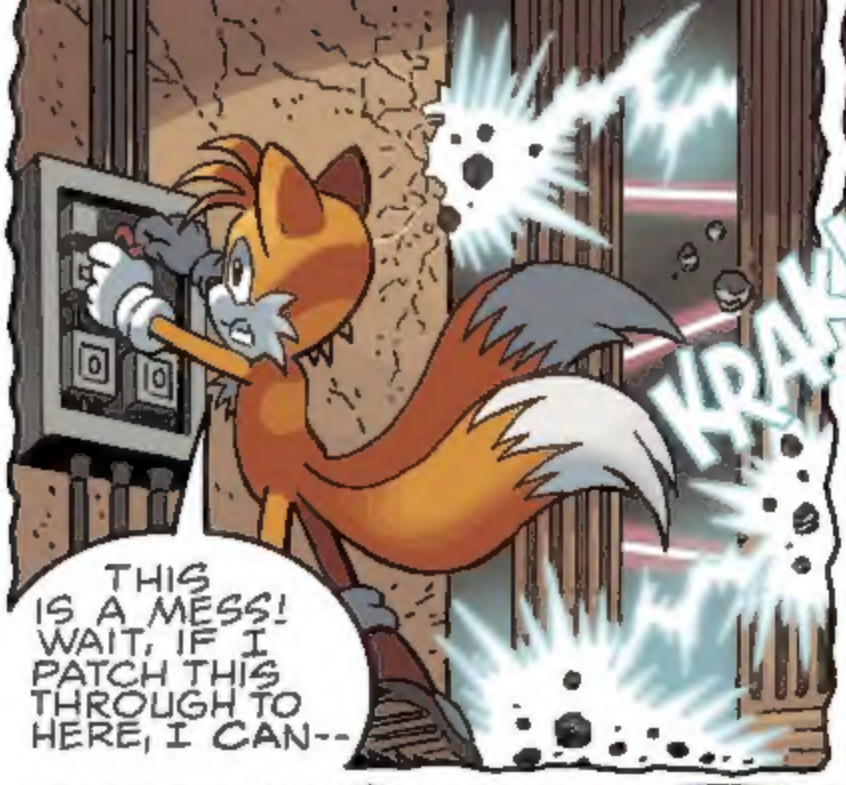
EARLIER...
KRAK!

NOW.

HUH. WELL, SINCE I CAN MOP THE FLOOR WITH YOU...
DUDE. SHUT THE FACE.
ESPIO'S BEEN KEEPING TABS ON NEW MOBOTROPOLIS. HOW GOES THE HUNT FOR SALLY?
WORKING ON IT. HAD TO SAVE YOUR PEOPLE FIRST.

ABOUT THAT--WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU THREE? DID YOU DECIDE TO TAKE A NAP?
NO, IT WASN'T ANYTHING THAT PLEASANT...

EARLIER...
SONIC!
HE'S IN TROUBLE!
YOU HELP HIM...
...I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE STUN TRAPS!
LEAVE HIM ALONE!
PIKO!
SHUTTING THIS DOWN ISN'T ENOUGH. IF I CAN FIND A WAY TO TURN THE FREQUENCY BACK ON THEM...

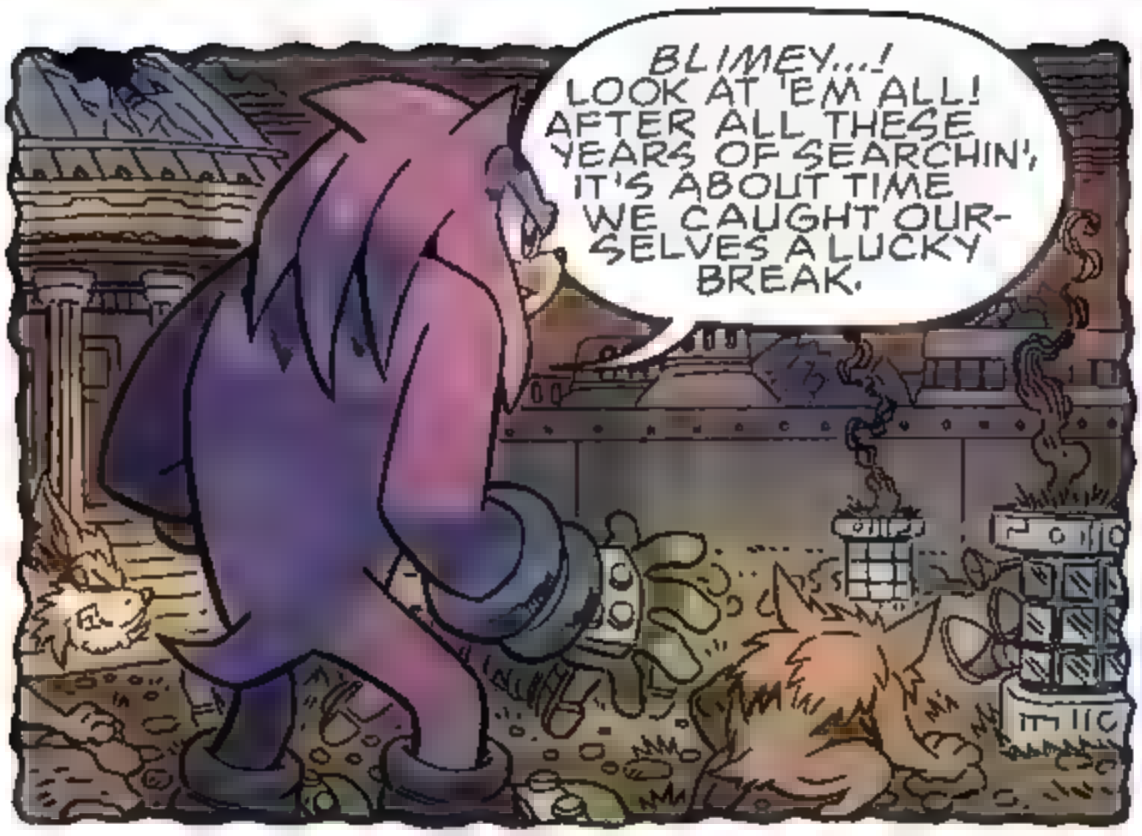

THIS IS A MESS! WAIT, IF I PATCH THIS THROUGH TO HERE, I CAN--
KRAK!

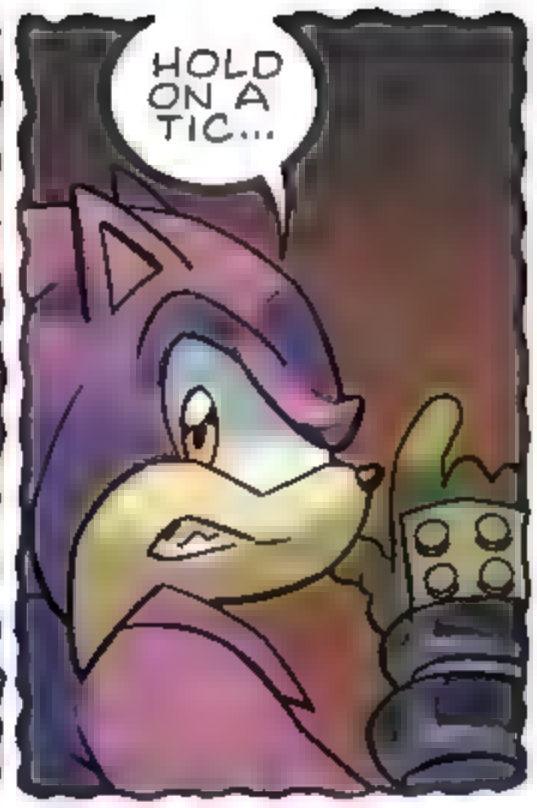
ZAM!
YOW!

ZZZZZZZZZZ

WOOMP

NOW.
I CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN, BUT I'D THEORIZE THAT--
SO WE TOOK A FORCED TIME-OUT. BIG DEAL.
LET'S GET BACK TO IT.
UGH... I FEEL LIKE I GOT HIT WITH MY OWN HAMMER...
BUT IF THERE WERE SO MANY ECHIDNAS FIGHTING HERE...
...WHERE DID THEY ALL GO?
EARLIER...


BLIMEY...! LOOK AT 'EM ALL! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF SEARCHIN', IT'S ABOUT TIME WE CAUGHT OURSELVES A LUCKY BREAK.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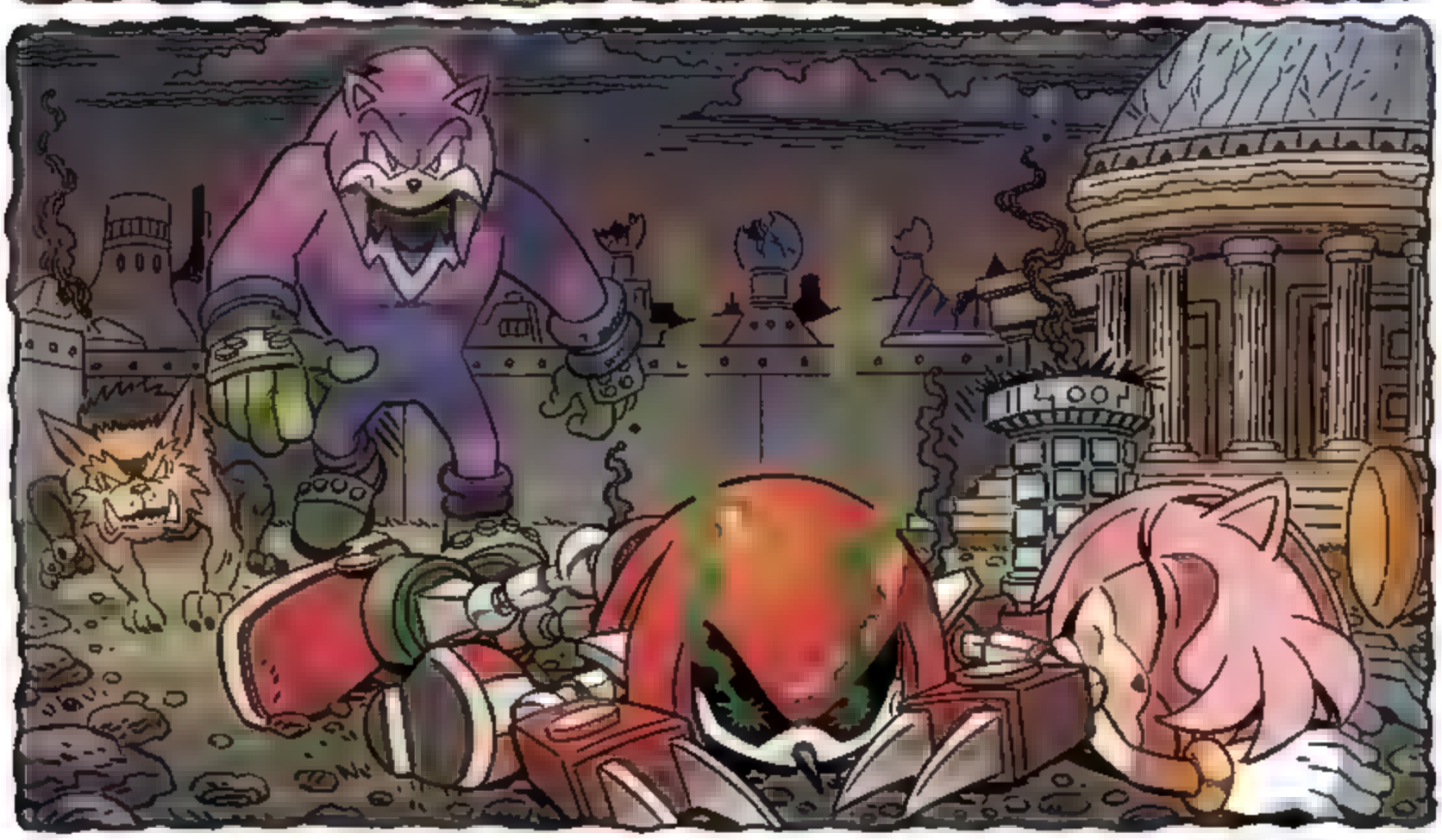
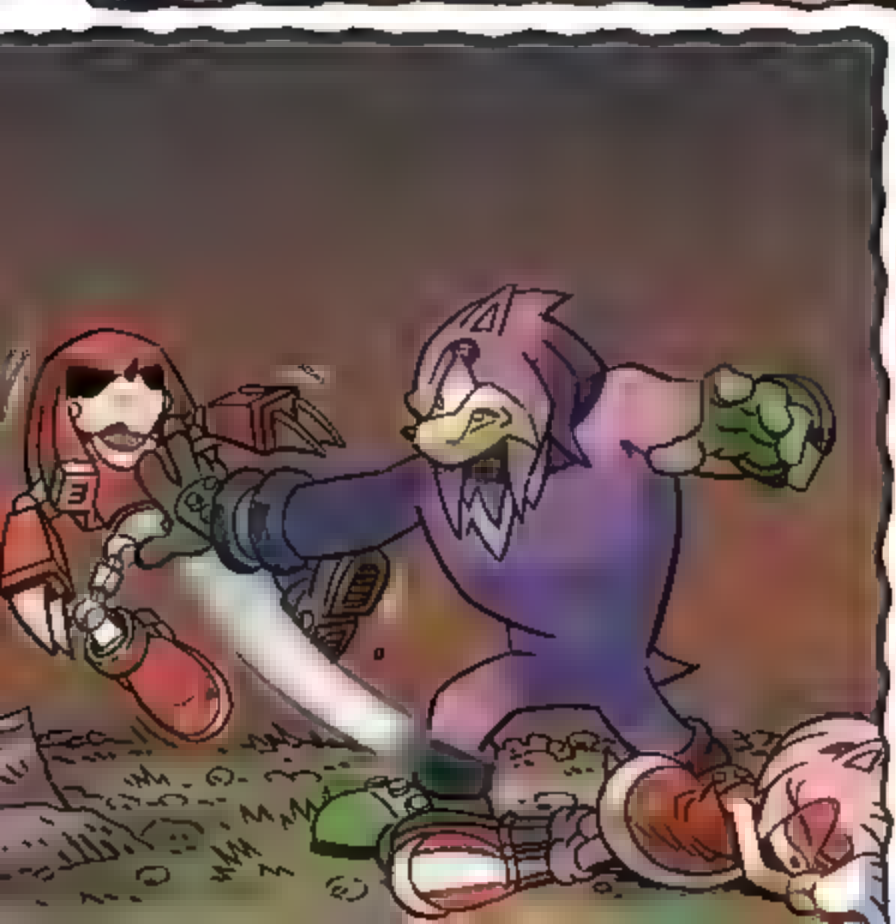
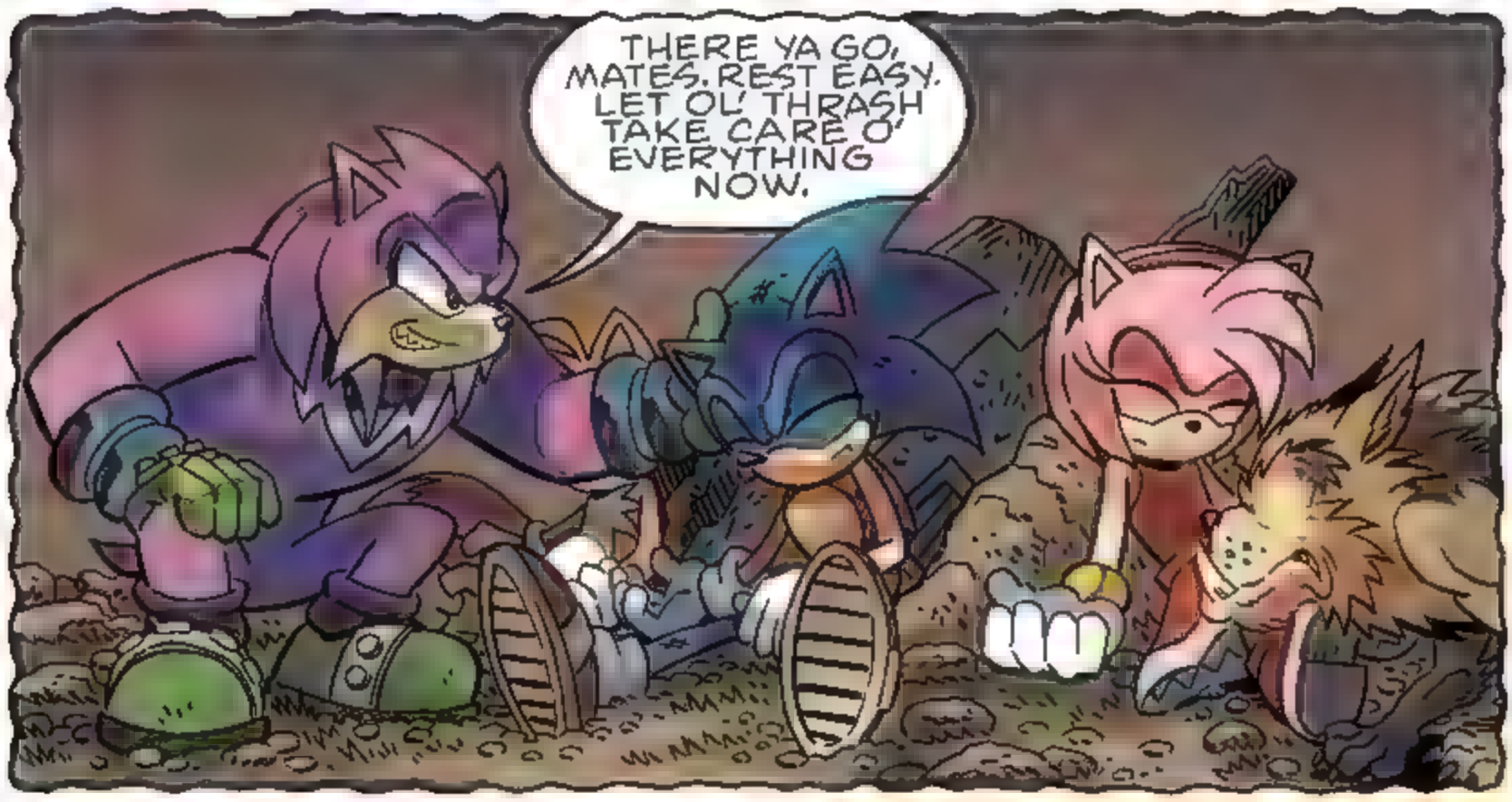


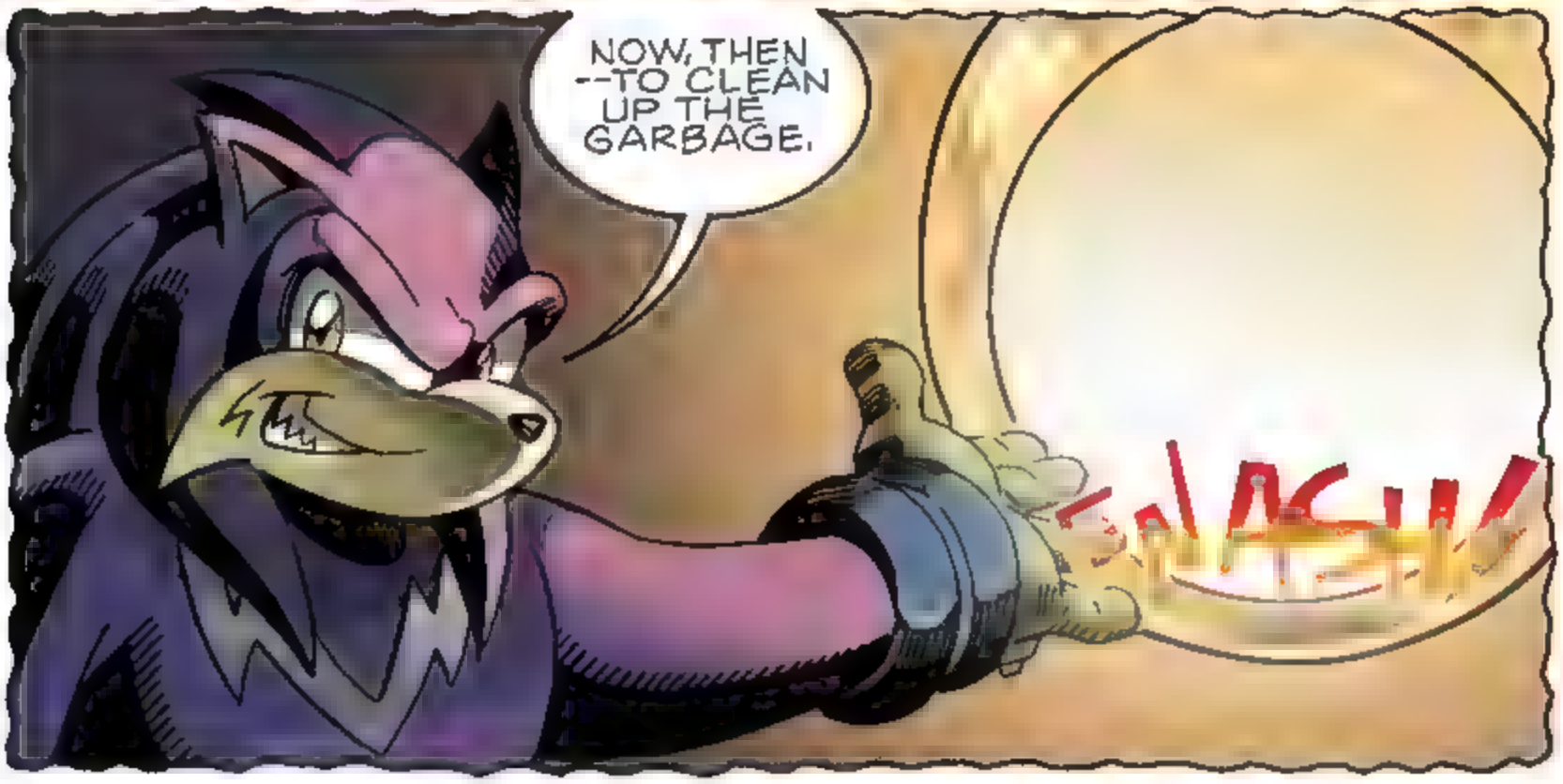


DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE DOIN' IN ALL THIS MESS, LUV, BUT LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT THE WORST OF IT.

COR BLIMEY-- I THINK THAT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE, I WONDER?

YAHRK! YAHRK!
ANOTHER! AND HE'S BUT A LAD! ECHIDNAS BRING NOTHIN' BUT MISERY TO EVERYONE, I TELLS YA!


THERE YA GO, MATES. REST EASY. LET OL' THRASH TAKE CARE O' EVERYTHING NOW.

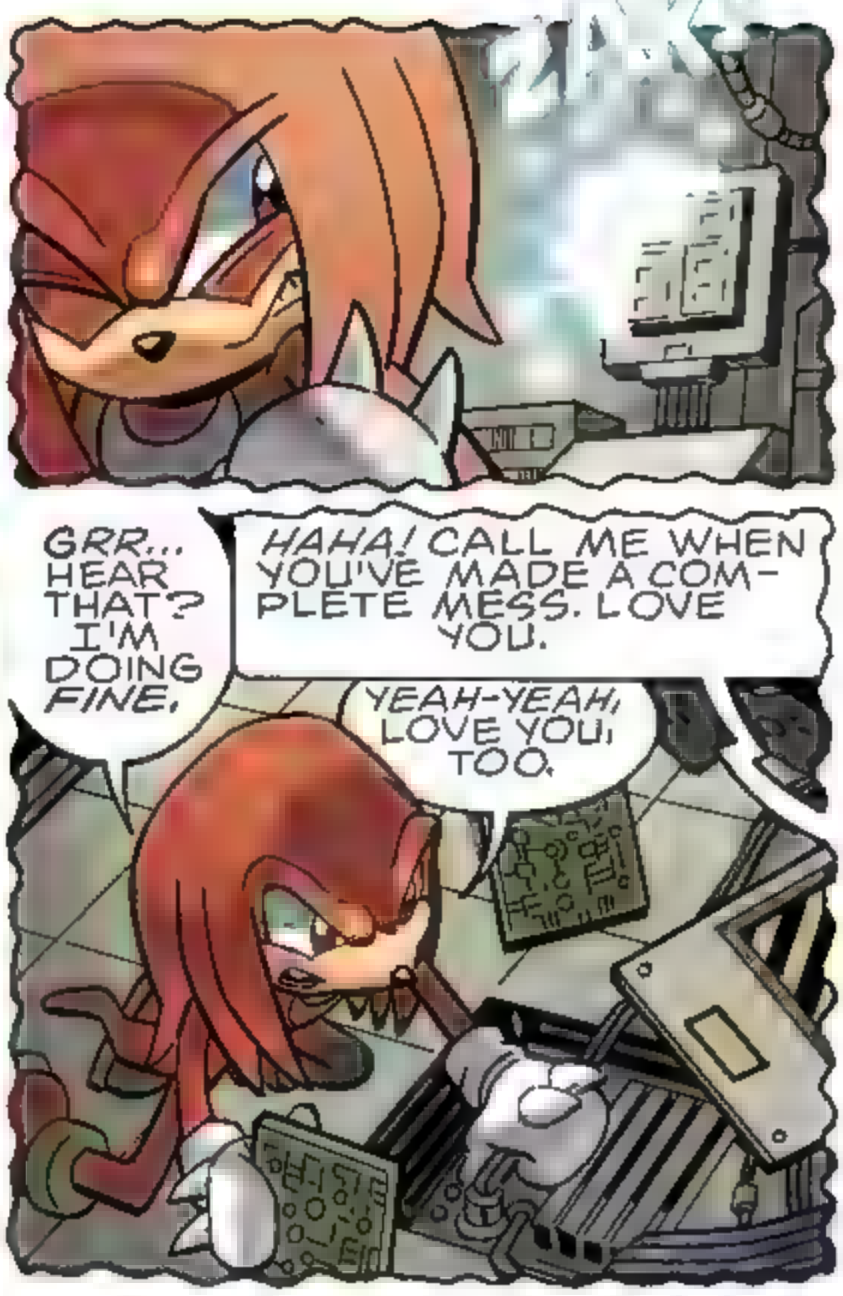

NOW, THEN --TO CLEAN UP THE GARBAGE.
SCHLAK

IF EVERYONE'S GONE, WHO MOVED US...?
NO-NO-NO-- HOLD ON A SECOND! WE WERE FIGHTING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH A BUNCH OF YOUR ECHIDNA BUDDIES AGAINST THOSE JOKERS IN THE BLACK PAJAMAS AND YOUR CRAZY GREAT-HALF-AUNT, OR WHATEVER.
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONES HERE WHEN I FOUND YOU. I'VE BEEN SEEING SOME DEVIL DOGS AROUND, AND SOME FLASHES OF LIGHTS, BUT THAT'S ALL.
THIS IS TOO WEIRD. THERE WERE SOME REFUGEES HEADING FOR THE DOCKS. MAYBE EVERYONE HEADED THAT WAY.
NO. THE DOCKS WERE EMPTY.
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT ALL THIS.
I WANT BACK-UP. TAILS, CAN THAT THING DO LONG-RANGE COMMUNICATIONS TO ANGEL ISLAND?
SURE. I'LL SET HIM UP.
THERE. JUST TALK INTO HIS EYES.
UH...OKAY, THEN. -AHEM.- DO YOU READ ME, HON? IT'S KNUCKLES. I NEED THE TWO OF YOU ON THE MAINLAND. HELLO? CAN YOU READ ME?

HOURS AGO...

ARE YOU *SURE* YOU DON'T WANT ME THERE? I'VE GOT MORE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SORT OF THING.

NO, NO, I CAN DO THIS. (I THINK.) YOU TWO WATCH THE MASTER EMERALD FOR NOW.



NO RESPONSE. PATCH ME THROUGH TO NICOLE. SHE WOULD'VE SPOKEN TO MY TEAMMATES LAST.

SURE. JUST A SECOND. SO GLAD HER EXILE WAS OVERTURNED...

NICOLE! IT'S KNUCKLES.

I CAN'T REACH ANYONE ON THE ISLAND.

NEITHER COULD I, BUT YOU LEFT BEFORE I COULD TELL YOU.

MAYBE SHE INTERCEPTED THE SIGNAL, FIRST, AND WENT AHEAD OF YOU?

NO.

VECTOR AND I HAVE THE ONLY WARP RINGS.*

RRRUMBLE!

*CHAOTIX QUEST--SU #46-49.

SOMETHING IS *VERY* WRONG HERE.

SURE IS. C'MON, WE'LL SEARCH THE ISLAND TOGETHER. NO MORE SURPRISES.

YOU MENTIONED FLASHES OF LIGHT EARLIER. THINK THOSE MIGHT'VE BEEN WARP RINGS? Y'KNOW--DOC FINNY-WHATSIT?

FINITEVUS. IT CROSSED MY MIND, BUT IF IT WAS HIM, WHY WOULD HE LEAVE *YOU* ALONE?

HE'S GOT JUST AS MUCH REASON TO HATE YOU, TOO.**

**STH #180-184.

GOOD POINT.

DAYS AGO...

"SO WHO ELSE HAS A WARP RING?"

FOUND YA AT LAST!

THANKS FER DROPPIN' ONE OF YER RINGS IN DOWN-UNDA. MADE GETTIN' TO ANGEL ISLAND A WHOLE LOT SIMPLER.

HMPH. 'COURSE YER NOT HOME. TRACK HIM, MATES. *FINITEVUS* MIGHT STILL BE...

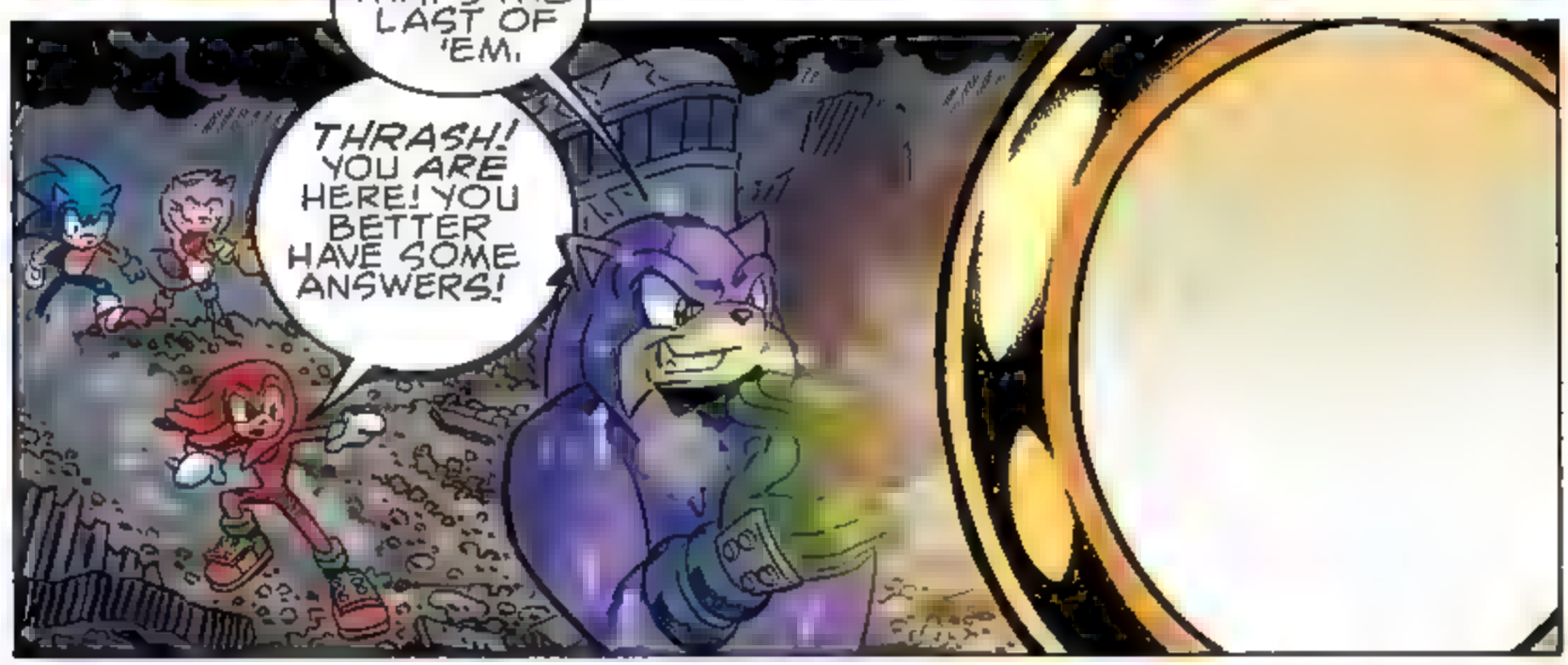
HELLO-HELLO...NOTES ON THE ECHIDNA HOMELAND ITSELF, AND...

...HOW TO SUPER-CHARGE A WARP RING?

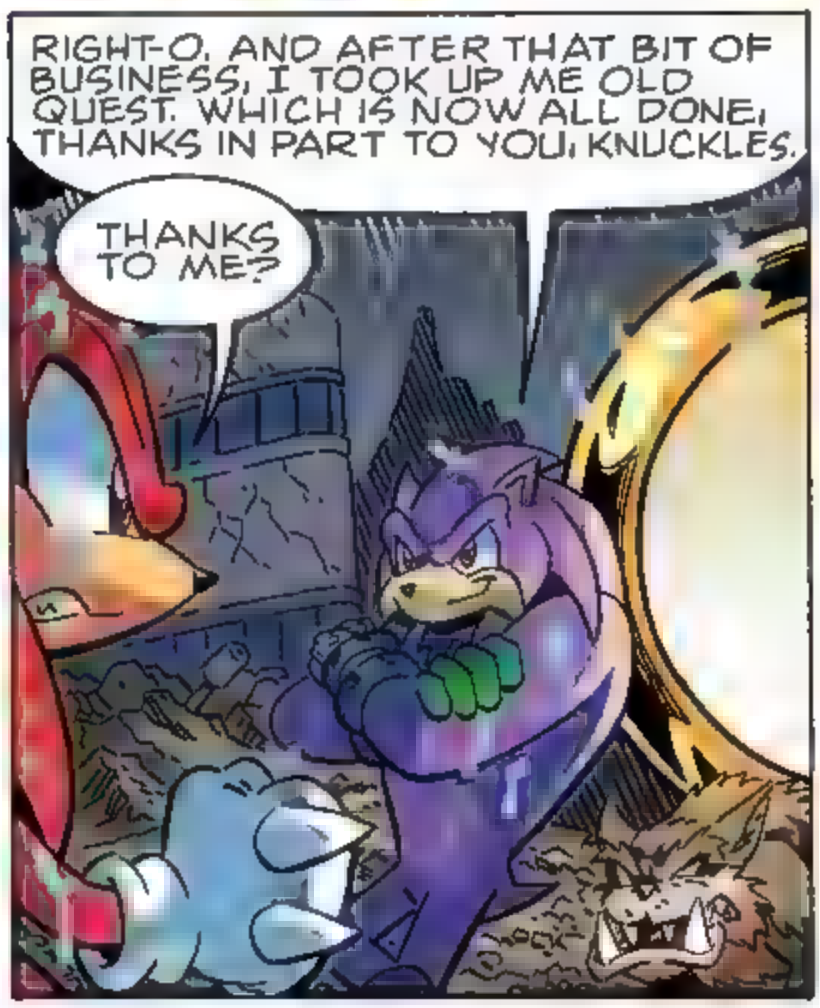
NOW...

I CAN THINK OF ONE GUY, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'D BE HERE.

HOLD UP! I SEE SOMEONE!


AND THAT'S THE LAST OF 'EM.
THRASH! YOU ARE HERE! YOU BETTER HAVE SOME ANSWERS!

THIS THE GUY YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT A SECOND AGO?
YEAH. WE WERE IN DOWNUNDA.* HE WAS HELPING OUT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS THERE.
*SONIC UNIVERSE VOL. 3 GRAPHIC NOVEL


RIGHT-O. AND AFTER THAT BIT OF BUSINESS, I TOOK UP ME OLD QUEST. WHICH IS NOW ALL DONE, THANKS IN PART TO YOU, KNUCKLES.
THANKS TO ME?

YOU LET ME KEEP THAT WARP RING I FOUND AFTER OUR LITTLE ADVENTURE IN DOWNUNDA. THAT HELPED ME TAKE CARE OF THOSE GIRLS YOU HAD POSTED AT THE MASTER EMERALD... AND *THAT* HELPED ME TAKE CARE OF ALL THE ECHIDNAS IN YER HOMELAND.

ALL OF... WHAT DO YOU... WHERE ARE THEY?

GONE. NEVER TO TROUBLE THIS WORLD AGAIN.

SNAP!

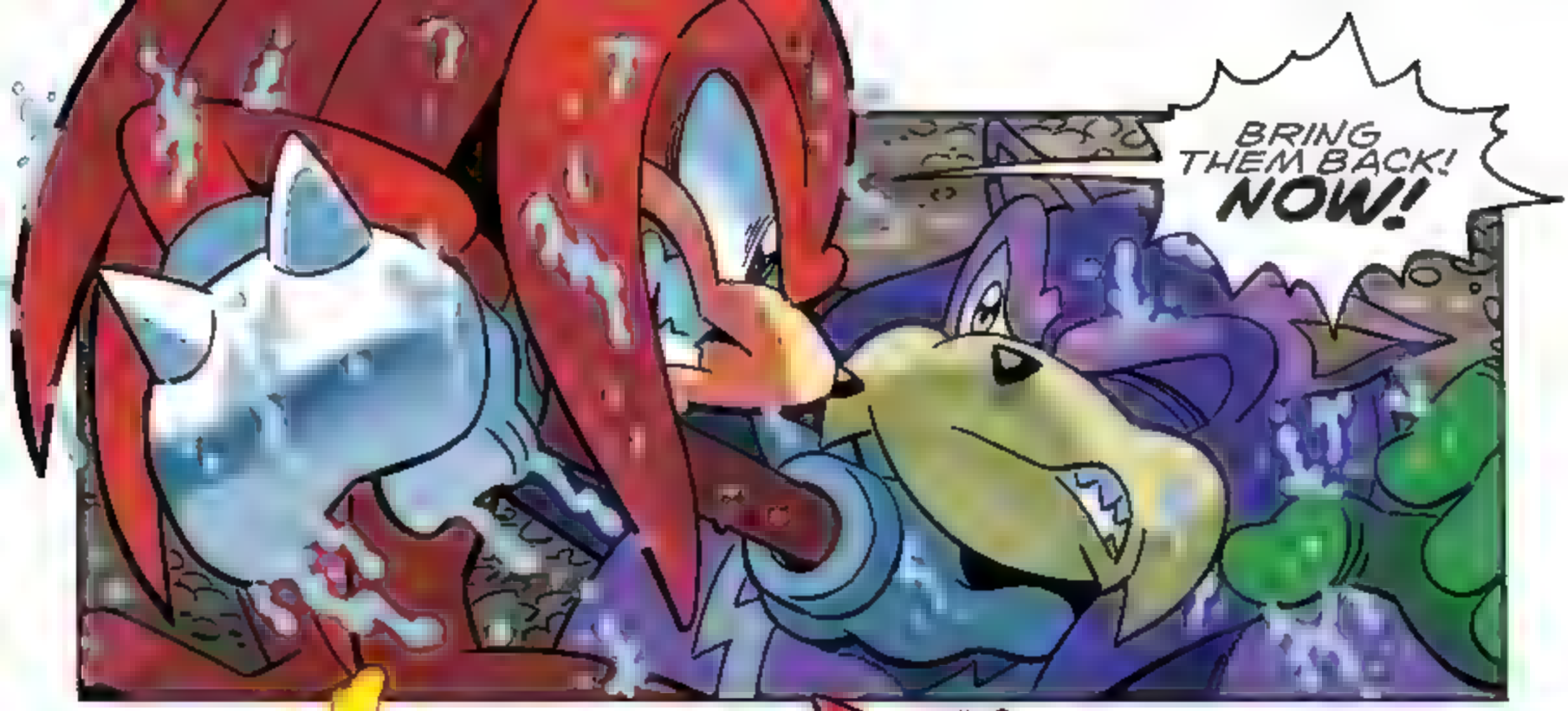
SO THANKS. NOW WE'RE *EVEN.*

SMASH!

BRING THEM BACK!

GRRR

POW!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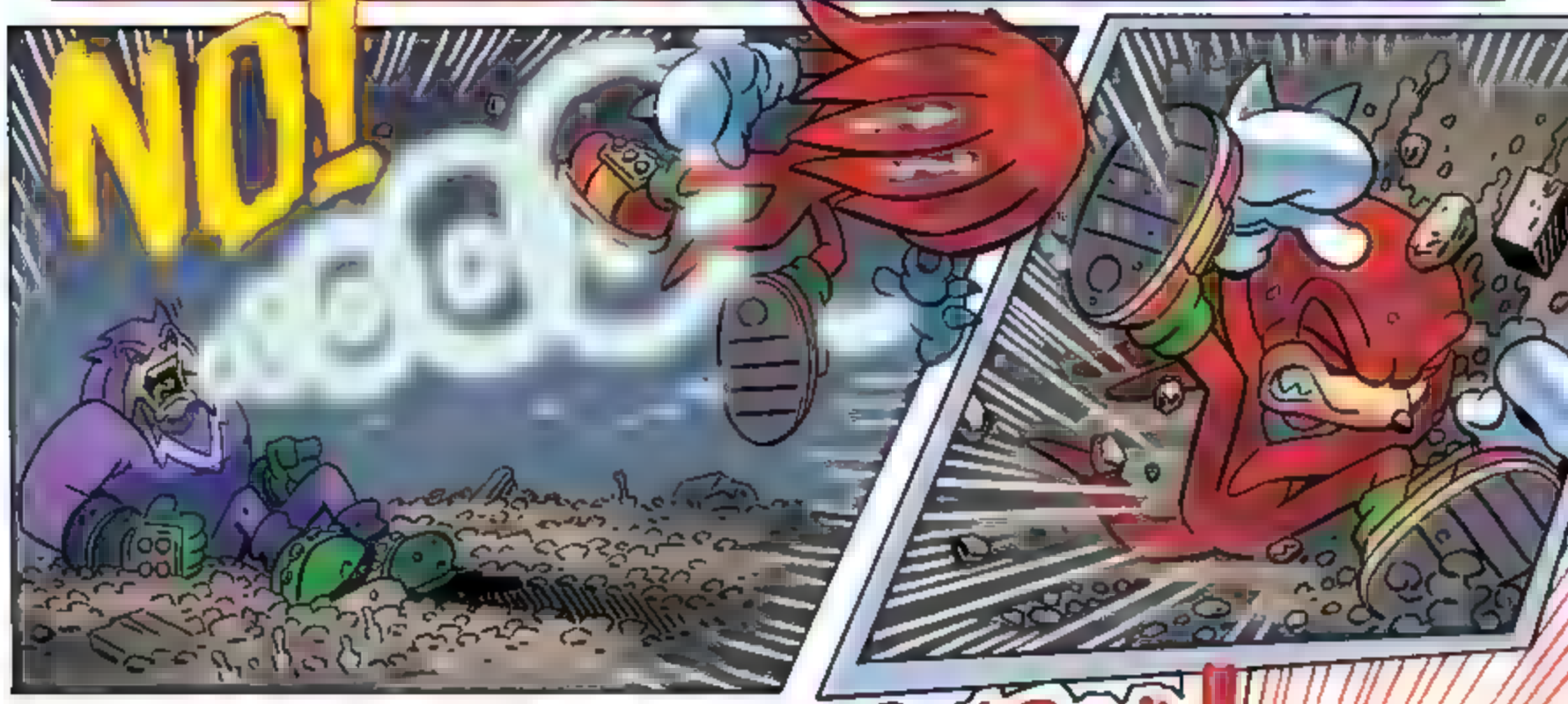
NO!

I'M A JUST MAN, SO I'M *LETTING* YOU LIVE. REMEMBER THAT.
AUGH!

OKAY, I GAVE YOU YOUR LITTLE VILLAIN-OUS SPEECH.

I LET KNUCKLES GET THE FIRST HIT IN.

MEANWHILE...

NOW, YOU EITHER BRING BACK ALL HIS KIND, OR WE'RE GONNA TUSSLE!

-KOFF!- I'VE GOT NO BEEF WITH YOU ...AND THIS AIN'T YOUR FIGHT, MATE.

IT IS NOW. LAST CHANCE BEFORE I RUN YOU INTO THE GROUND.

...ACROSS THE CITY...

WELL -KOFF- IN THAT CASE, MY ANSWER IS...

RAAAAGH!

...NEAR THE COURTYARD...

HEY, SONIC? I'M BAAA-ACK!

THE ECHIDNAS-- GONE! ONLY *THRASH* HAS THE KEY TO THE RESCUE, AND HE'S GOT A PACK OF *DEVIL DOGS* TO PROTECT HIM! AND WHAT'S UP WITH *METAL KNUCKLES?* COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR PART THREE OF "ENDANGERED SPECIES!"

CHECK IN ON THE CHAOTIX'S QUEST IN *SONIC UNIVERSE!* AND DON'T MISS OUT ON THE *SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE,* THE *SONIC SUPER DIGEST,* AND THE *COMPLETE SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!*

the SONIC SPIN

editorial commentary that will NOT be messing with Thrash the Devil anytime soon...

WHERE HAVE ALL THE ECHIDNAS GONE?!?

Wow, bet you didn't see THAT coming, huh? Well, at New York Comic Con's "Archie Action Panel" this past October, we DID say that this story wouldn't be called "Endangered Species" for nothing. Where did Thrash send the inhabitants of the Echidna Homeland? Are they perhaps in the company of the long-since-vanished "Brotherhood"? Just how many more message board threads will be created to "discuss" this? Only time, and possibly Thrash, can tell. And if you want more Thrash action, be sure to pick up Sonic Universe vol3 Graphic Novel, on sale now, which features Thrash's very first appearance!

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A CHAOTIC BATTLE ERUPTS IN THESE AWESOME PAGES BY SONIC COMICS VETERAN STEVEN BUTLER!

In the meantime, we've got two more parts to the "Endangered Species" puzzle to put together, so you're gonna wanna bring it right on back here next month to see how this story unfolds! A special shout-out to Steven Butler for the incredible pencils for this whole arc – 2013 will mark Steven's 15th year drawing Sonic the Hedgehog comics! Let's all wish Steven a happy 15 years of true blue action, and here's to many more!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH! - Paul

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Hmmm where to start, where to start...wait a tick, this e-mail is titled "PLEASE READ! YOU'RE AWESOME!!!" -- I approve of this!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I really enjoy reading the Archie comics.

I like where this is going!

Especially the Sonic ones.

I like where this went!

Sonic is my current obsession, and I am temporarily his #1 fan girl.

I'll be the judge of that – and since I am the judge of that, I officially dub you "Sonic's #1 fan girl," with all the rights, privileges and honors thereof.

I was just sending this to tell you how much I really love the comics and I just LOVE how you actually put expression into Shadow's face.

His face, eh?

Usually he is the "non-emotion" face person (or hedgehog) and you can't really tell what he is feeling.

Like a high school yearbook.

I love the comics so much, in fact, I even got the 1 year subscription for the U.S. I really love you guys... keep up the good work! And please reply if possible!!! It would please me to know that someone actually took the time to read a silly little email by me.

Oh well... bye!
Claudia E.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

*Claudia, Sonic's #1 fan girl, it was our sincerest pleasure to read your e-mail! In fact, we read ALL the e-mail people send us. *glares coldly at those of you who know who you are.**

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I just read STH 242 and am excited for Endangered Species. I am a huge fan of Metal Sonic and am hoping he will be in 243. I was wandering how many times Eggman has built him or any relation of him.

For the complete tally of all the Metal Sonics, pick up the Complete Sonic Comic Encyclopedia – on sale now at archiecomics.com or fine retailer nearest you! Plugplugplug

I was wandering if I can be Metal Sonic 3.0's number 1 fan.

Thanks, and keep on juicin',
Metal Sonic 3.0's #1 fan
Drew M.
from Indiana

There sure is a lot of demand for arbitrary numbering today, but since arbitrary power comes with arbitrary responsibility, sure! Drew M. from Indiana is now Metal Sonic 3.0's #1 fan! Wait, does that make you Metal Sonic 1.0's #3 fan?? My head hurts...

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Harvey Who -- who is he?

Jeffrey P.
from Nova Scotia, CANADA

Exactly!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I just love the Sonic comics!!! Everything is so interesting. I love reading all the issues. Keep up the good work!!!

Your #1 Sonic fan,
Kaylynn Lee M.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Will diddly do! Thank you for the kind words, Kaylynn Lee!

That's all for this month, Sonic fans! Bring it on back next month for more endangered action in Endangered Species pt3 (of 4)! Also, don't forget to check out the awesome Chaotix story happening right now in Sonic Universe!

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